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Dear [redacted]

We apologize for the delay in responding to your generous offer. Apparently your original letter was received by the Vice President's office not the President's office which explains why you received the response you did from Mr. Fielding. Let me assure you that the U.S. Government has treated this matter with the utmost gravity.

Following Mr. Shadrin's mysterious disappearance in 1975, the CIA, FBI, Department of State and Defense Intelligence Agency all tried in vain to locate Mr. Shadrin or explain his disappearance. These considerable efforts by the U.S. Government to locate Mr. Shadrin or determine the reason for his disappearance proved unsuccessful. We unfortunately have no additional information to provide Mrs. Shadrin at this time concerning her husband's whereabouts or status. We share your concern regarding Mr. Shadrin's fate, and assure you that if any further information in this regard comes to light it will be furnished through appropriate channels to Mrs. Shadrin.

Again, we apologize for the delay. We thank you for your offer of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Charles E. Wilson
Chief, Public Affairs Division

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a further review of the concerns you previously expressed regarding the Shadrin case.

I am happy to direct your correspondence to the attention of the appropriate officials within the Administration, and I have asked that this matter be carefully studied. I am sure you will be hearing further following the necessary review.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

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June 29, 1983

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Mr. Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to The President
The White House
Washington, D. C., 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of June 9, 1983, regarding the status of the Shadrin case and your apparent sincerity to afford me the latest information.

I am sure, however, you can appreciate that I am highly disturbed to only receive a copy of a State Department letter to Congressman Bill Young which is nothing more than a "form letter" which I had already received over a year ago from the office of Senator Lawton Childs. I feel this sort of brush off is not conducive to the present administration considering President Reagan's high principled pronouncements and your promise to Mr. Young of a "thorough review and consideration".

Since your letter does not cover the principal issue raised in my letter to The President under date of July 4, 1982, I would appreciate a review of that matter and your further reply to the specific issue raised of which I will enumerate the salient points.

Based on the evidential record there can be no fair argument that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did consciously scheme and execute a method of trickery to snare Shadrin into becoming a pretense double agent for the United States Government. Further, there is additional evidence of Central Intelligence Agency blundering in no less than eight specific incidents at the time of Shadrin's disappearance in Vienna. This multitude of "errors" can legitimately raise the question as to the true intent of the operation. There are also additional facts regarding sources of information that questions the honesty of the State Department's letter.

In view of the foregoing, I feel the Shadrin case requires a thorough review and an in depth investigation by The White House as was promised. As I indicated in

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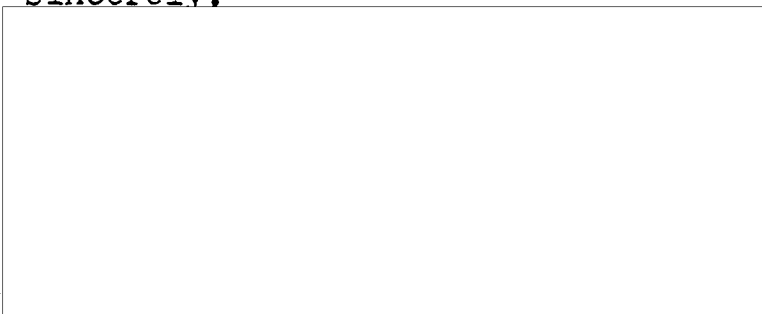
Mr. Kenneth M. Duberstein.

my letter to The President, the handling of Nicholas Shadrin by our intelligence agencies inescapably qualifies for such full investigation under the provisions of the President's Executive Order 12356 of April 2, 1982, dealing with National Security Information. The Order specifically states in Sec. 1.6, paragraph (a), that: "In no case shall information be classified in order to conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error; to prevent embarrassment to a person, organization, or agency...". It was on this basis in addition to the compassion of President Reagan that I wrote The President and I hope the matter will be further pursued in that perspective. My past experience in the field of internal security while associated with a Committee of Congress convinces me there is justification and an obligation for such a review of the Shadrin matter by the present administration.

Your kind and further consideration will be greatly appreciated and should you desire detailed incidents of Shadrin's misuse by the handling agencies I will furnish such information and related facts as you would require at your request.

Your further attention and reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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